

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An implosion prevention tension band for a cathode ray tube having an evacuated envelope including a faceplate panel with a substantially flat viewing faceplate extending to a peripheral rearwardly extending sidewall and forming an inside blend radius from the viewing faceplate to said sidewall, said sidewall having corners with a given radius of curvature, said tension band comprising:

a band surrounding said faceplate panel and having a width extending rearwardly from near said viewing faceplate to at least half the distance between a rear edge of said inside blend radius and a rear edge of said sidewall; and,

a plurality of tension adjusting features formed in a rear section of said tension band located aft of said inside blend radius.

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) The implosion prevention tension band of Claim 1 wherein said plurality of tension adjusting features comprises at least one aperture extending through said tension band.

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The implosion prevention tension band of Claim 2 wherein said plurality of tension adjusting features are positioned at locations near said corners of said tension band.

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) The implosion prevention tension band of Claim 1 wherein said plurality of tension adjusting features comprises semi-circular apertures extending through said tension band and forward from a rear edge of said tension band toward said inside blend radius.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) The implosion prevention tension band of Claim 1 wherein said plurality of tension adjusting features comprises a dimple formed in said tension band.

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) The implosion prevention tension band of Claim 1 further comprising mounting lugs fixed at said corners wherein said plurality of tension adjusting features are located near said corner of said tension band on opposite sides of said mounting lugs.

Please cancel claim 7.